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Special Branch

Station. File No. Date May 21, 1941.

SUBJECT: Mrs. K.D. RIVKIN - Antecedents and character.

Mrs Klara Davidovna RIVKIN (or Rifkin), Russian Jewess, widow, was born on 24-8-1883 at Odessa, Russia. She is reported to have first arrived in Shanghai from the U.S.S.R. via Harbin in November, 1929. Here she operated unlicensed boarding houses at 19-21-23 Sun Avenue and later at 19-21 Seymour Road until November, 1935 when she left for Dairen. It is reported that she was employed there first as manageress of the Jewish Club and then as chief stewardess in the Dairen Club.

Returning to Shanghai in September, 1938 she opened a small restaurant at 234 Broadway ("Rose-Marie"). Having sold this restaurant she opened a similar business at 21/3 Wayside Road in February, 1939 known as the "Wonder Bar" and sold it in February, 1940. During the summer 1940 she is known to have operated a bar at 146/1 Quinsan Gardens and a boarding house at 4 Astor Terrace. These enterprises were liquidated some time towards the end of 1940, after which she removed to 1594 Bubbling Well Road at which address she has since been operating a foreign boarding house. She sub-lets five of the total of seven rooms in the house. Her present tenants are: 2 members of Italian naval personnel, two Russian females of no fixed employment, both 21 years of age, and one Mrs Freda I. Riffkin (Rivkin), also a Russian Jewess, aged 57.

While in Shanghai Mrs K.D. Rivkin did not come to the notice of the Municipal Police in connection with any activities of an undesirable character.

She is registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee, Moulmein Road. It would appear from informa-



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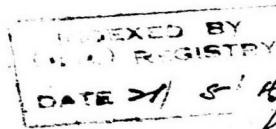
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she intended to marry a Danish subject, name unknown.

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